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In re Application of	:
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Application No. 09/773,227	:
Filed: January 31, 2001	:
Attorney Docket No. CH9-2000-0065	:
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DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 02, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed July 25, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 26, 2003. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicant on March 25, 2004.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(d). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Commissioner may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D). The instant petition lacks item(s) (3).

The office may require further information as to the cause of the delay between the date the applicant was first notified that the application was abandoned and the date a 37 CFR 1.137(b) petition was filed, and how such delay was "unintentional."

The Dismissal dated April 02, 2008 and the subsequent letter from Attorney Cameron required Mr. Drumheller to provide an explanation as to why abandonment took place by October 26, 2003. The statement from Drumheller fails to provide details such as dates of the alleged lightning strike in Mr. Drumheller's office. Also, a copy of the communication of the letter referenced in the last paragraph of Mr. Drumheller's statement concerning an alleged directive from management, needs to be included with any further request for reconsideration of this decision.

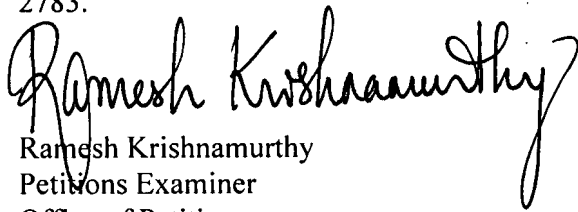
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